

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1) (currently amended) An extension socket device, electrically equipped with a plurality of socket units [(15)] and a cord storage and dispensing system, comprises a ~~rectangular~~-housing body [(10)] formed by two hollow parts [(10a, 10b)], an electrical plug [(22)] and an extension cord [(21)] wherein a ~~the~~ larger hollow part [(10a)] of the ~~rectangular~~ housing body [(10)] comprises a top wall [(11)], ~~two~~ end walls [(12)] and ~~two~~ side walls [(13)]; a ~~the~~ smaller hollow part [(10b)] comprises an endless ~~a ring-like~~ intermediate wall [(17)] and a bottom wall [(14)], wherein the smaller hollow part [(10b)] contains a working enclosure defining a working space for a ~~a~~ ~~the~~ wiring mechanism of the socket units [(15)], is characterised in that ~~which~~ a receiving track [(19)] of predetermined space is formed between the end and side walls of the larger hollow part [(10a)] and the endless intermediate wall of the smaller hollow part [(10b)] when assembled and the receiving track has an opening adjacent the bottom wall of the smaller hollow part; and a plurality of flexible retainer means [(20)] is ~~integrally~~ provided along the opening of the receiving track ~~bottom edge of the smaller hollow part (10b)~~; whereby the extension cord [(21)] of predetermined length in single file can be fully retracted into the receiving track [(19)].

2) (canceled)

3) (currently amended) An extension socket device with a cord storage and dispensing system [[as in]] in accordance with Claim 1, wherein each ~~the~~ flexible retainer means [(20)] takes the form of an inverted L-shaped element ~~integrally~~ provided along the bottom edge of the smaller

hollow part ~~[[10b]]~~, wherein ~~a~~ the horizontal arm of each ~~the~~ L-shaped element covers partially the opening of the receiving track ~~(19)~~, and ~~space is also provided between the inverted L-shaped element and the intermediate wall (17).~~

4) (currently amended) An extension socket device with a cord storage and dispensing system ~~[[as in]]~~ in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the cord storage and dispensing system comprises the receiving track ~~[[19]]~~ and the flexible retainer means ~~[[20]]~~.

5) (currently amended) An extension socket device with a cord storage and dispensing system ~~[[as in]]~~ in accordance with Claim 1, wherein the flexible retainer means ~~[[20]]~~ are integrally moulded as structural features of the smaller hollow part ~~[[10b]]~~ of the housing body ~~[[10]]~~.